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TOWN OFFICERS

Selectmen

GEORGE O. CARLETON FRANK O LAMSON ARVID G. ERLANDO

Town Treasurer

ARTHUR P. TEMPLE

Town Clerk

HARRY G. BLOOD

Tax Collector

GEORGE W. COGGIN

Overseer of the Poor

GEORGE C. HADLEY

Chief of Police

DANIEL ALEXANDER

Trustees of Trust Funds

W. H. KENDALL GEORGE C. HADLEY ARTHUR F. STEARNS

Auditors

N. F. HOOPER GEORGE F. AVERILL

Warrant for Annual Meeting

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the town of Mont Vernon in the County of Hillsborough, in said state, qualified to vote in town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Mont Vernon on Tuesday the thirteenth day of March next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

- 1. To choose all necessary town officers for the year ensuing.
- 2. To raise such sums of money as may be be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriation of the same.
- 3. To see if the town will vote to raise two hundred and fifty dollars for the library.
- 4. To see if the town will vote to pay the tuitions of the town scholars going to Stearns School.
- 5. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of four hundred dollars for the following purposes, or take any action thereto: First, to complete the work already begun on the park. Second, to fill and grade the property commonly known as the Rabador lot, formerly the location of the Mont Vernon House.
- 6. To see if the town, provided Article 5 is adopted, will appoint a committee consisting of two service men of the world war and three others, at least one of whom shall be a woman, who shall be authorized and empowered to obtain plans and estimates for a Memorial Monument which shall perpetuate in an enduring way the names of all our soldiers. This committee to report its findings and recommendations to a subsequent town meeting.

- 7. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty dollars to insure the Center school building or take any action thereto.
- 8. To see if the town will vote to repair the side-walk extending from the southwest corner of the village park to the cross street between Andover Hall, formerly Conant property, and the McCollom Academy building, or take any action thereto.
- 9. To see if the town will vote to let the Grange have the use of the town hall the same as last year.
 - 10. To see if the town will vote to accept state aid.
- 11. To see what action the town will take in regard to the maintenance of the state highway.
- 12. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate four hundred dollars for the purpose of combatting the white pine blister rust.
- 13. To see if the town will vote to sell the property near the Black Brook bridge or take any action in relation thereto.
- 14. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty dollars to be laid out on the Crawley road.
- 15. To see if the town will vote to buy a new sidewalk plow.
- 16. To bring in your ballots upon the question as to whether the amendment proposed by the Convention to revise the constitution shall be approved.

Given under our hands and seal this 20th day of February in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and twenty three.

GEORGE O. CARLETON FRANK O. LAMSON ARVID G. ERLANDO Selectmen of Mont Vernon.

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS

Cash in hands of town treasurer	1434 53
Accounts due to the town:	dun de la
Due from state:	
Bounties 34 20	
Forest fire bill 5 75	
. 373	
Other bills due town:	39 95
	0.4.00
Taxes bought	95 32
Taxes not collected, levy of 1922	1615 10
Total Assets	\$3 184 90
Grand Total	\$3184 90
LIABILITIES	
Accounts owed by the town:	
recounts owed by the town.	
	86.25
Due schools, dog licenses	86 25
Due schools, dog licenses State and Town Joint Highway Accou	ints:
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Total Receipts from all Sources

Grand Total

Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1922

\$20,276 43

\$23,573 05

3,296 62

Current Revenue

	1200000000		
From local taxes:			
Property taxes	\$12,676	22	
Poll taxes, 6 at \$3	18	00	
Poll taxes, 160 at \$5 .	800	00	
Property and poll taxes, 1921	1,122	33	
	-		\$14,616 55
Tax sales redeemed			47 52
From State:			
For state aid maintenance	1,562	02	
For state aid construction	421	52	
Railroad tax	72	II	
Savings bank tax	380		
Fighting forest fires	136		
Bounties		60	
			2577 76
From Local Sources:			3,,,
Dog licenses	86	25	
Pedlers' licenses		00	
Rent of town hall	94	00	
Interest on taxes		28	
Motor permits	691		
Town Histories sold	12/1/1	00	
Lots sold in cemetery	10	00	
Abatements	84	42	
Primary candidate		00	
			1034 60
Receipts Other Than C	urrent Rev	enu	ie:
Temporary loan			2000 00
		1	

Current Maintenance Expenses

General Government:				
Town officers' salaries	\$405	00		
Town officers' expenses	303	08		
Election & registration expenses	108	20		
Expenses town	1071	12		
	1	-	\$1887	40
Protection of Persons and Pr	roperty:			
Police department		00		
Fire dept., including forest fires	46	75		
Bounties	34			
	01		86	95
Health:				
Health department	8	50		
Vital statistics		00		
, real statistics	3		II	50
17.				20
Highways and Bridgse:				
State aid maintenance	3279			
Town maintenance	2920			
Street lighting	505	7		
Highway dept., water tub	30	70		
			6736	40
Libraries:				
Library	1		250	00
Patriotic Purposes:	8			
Memorial day			30	86
			30	
Recreation:				
Park			100	00
Public Service Enterprise:				
Cemetery			122	00
Unclassified:				
Taxes bought by town	140	31		

Bond	3 00
Abatements	84 42
Stone post on town line	3 75
	231 48
Interest:	
	27 22
Paid on temporary loans	27 22
Paid on long term notes	160 00
	187 22
Outlay for New Construction	n:
State Aid construction	1778 05
Indebtedness:	
Payments on temporary loan	2000 00
Payments on long term notes	1700 00
	3700 00
Payments to Other Governm	ental Divisions:
State tax	1410 00
County tax	825 95
School Districts	4376 77
Amherst school tax, 4 years	321 44
Stearns School tuitions	82 50
	7016 66
Total Payments	\$22,138 52
Cash on hand Jan. 31, 1923	1,434 53
	7101 30
Grand Total	\$23,573 05
	1 0,57 0 5

DETAIL STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

General Government:

General Governmen	11:	
George O. Carleton, selectman	\$100 00	
Frank O. Lamson, selectman	85 00	
Arvid G. Erlando, selectman	75 00	
Harry G. Blood, town clerk	20 00	
Arthur P Temple, treasurer	40 00	
George W. Coggin, tax collector	80 00	
George C. Hadley, overseer of poor	5 00	
Daniel C. Alexander, police officer	6 00	
N. F. Hooper, auditor	2 00	
George F. Averill, auditor (2 yrs.)	4 00	
-		\$417 00
Election and Registration Expe	nses:	
N. F Hooper, supervisor	20'00	
J. M. Gleason, supervisor	20 00	
C. O. Ingalls, supervisor	20 00	
David Herlihy, ballot clerk	12 00	
George C. Hadley, ballot clerk	5 00	
George O. Carleton, ballot clerk	3 00	
Maude Kittredge, ballot clerk	3 00	
J. M. Gleason, check lists	4 20	
J. M. Gleason, writing checklists	3 00	
F. O. Lamson, moderator	12 00	
		\$102 20
Expenses:		
Printing town reports	133 75	
E. C. Eastman	8 14	
J. P. Melzer	3 40	,
G O. Carleton, carfare, postage	5 77	
Burroughs Adding Machine	113 95	
A. G. Erlando, trip to Manchester	2 02	
H. G. Blood, auto permits, postage	22 75	
Λ. P. Temple, postage	I 08	(.

F. O. Lamson, carfare	I 42	
G. W. Coggin, postage	8 80	\$207.08
		\$301 08
Care and Supplies for Town Ha	all:	
W. P. Jenkins, janitor	7 00	
F. O. Lamson, wood	52 00	
Barber Plumbing & Heating Co.	48 00	
John R. Horne, painting	18 76	
J. W. Flanagan, work in kitchen	27 80	
W. H. Fox, work in kitchen	25 36	
Harrie M. Young	10 00	
H. B. Leighton, cleaning up shingle	-	
J. L. Douglas, shingling town hall		
D. C. Alexander, janitor	69 25	
Temple & Blood, shingles	538 55	Arone ro
		\$1071 12
Protection of Persons and	Property:	
Forest Fires:		
W W. Sloan, Amherst fire warden		\$5 75
Fire Department:		
M. H. Raymond, salaries	39 00	
G. W. Coggin, repairs	2 00	
-		\$41 00
Dougtion		
Bounties:		
Wildcats	30 00	
Hedgehogs	4 20	φ
		\$34 20
Health:		
J. H. Blood, promulgating	8 50	
H G. Blood, vital statistics	3 00	
,		- \$11 50
Highways:		
· ·		
R. G Averill, patrolman	1233 28	
Wesley Nichols, road agent	1933 40	•

Highway department Charles Johnson, watering tub	46 38 3 00	
		\$3216 06
Street Lighting:		
Lighting streets and town buildings	3	\$505 35
Library:		
J. M. Gleason, Treas.		\$250 00
Memorial Day:		•
H G. Blood		\$30 86
Recreation—Park		
W. H. Kendall, treas.		\$100 00
Cemetery		
H. G. Blood, treas		\$122 00
Interest		
Paid on notes:		
Jane Kittredge C. H. Raymond, 2 years	14 00 146 00	
Bank	27 22	
		\$187 22
Payments on Indebted	lness:	
C. H. Raymond, note	1700 00	
Bank, loan	2000 00	\$3700 00
Payments to Other Government		ons:
State tax	1410 00	
County tax	825 95	
J. M. Gleason, treas. School Dist. '21 Annie Perham, School Dist. '22-'23		
Stearns School, tuitions	82 50	
Amherst School tax, 4 years	321 44	
_		\$7016 66

State Aid Maintenance Account:

Geo. O. Carleton, foreman	250	00
Wesley Nichols, team	15	33
J. G. Carleton, team	15	33
J. H. Blood, truck	561	64
J. G. Carleton, truck	561	64
Harry Whiting, labor	26	66
L. Putnam, labor	6	00
Ernest Scott, labor	4	66
Alvis Martell, labor	121	66
Albert Lamson, labor	115	32
George Blood, labor	79	32
William Lamson, labor	41	99
Arvid Erlando, labor	84	00
J. H. Blood, labor	7	67
Oliver Carleton, labor	6	00
Walter Blanchard, labor	7	67
Norman Trow, labor	3	00
Charles D. Brown, gravel	137	10
Charles O. Ingalls, gravel	* I	20

\$2046 19

Outlay for New Construction:

State Aid Construction Account:

George O. Carleton, foreman	175	00
Wesley Nichols, team	.16	61
Norman Horton, team	13	61
J. H. Blood, truck	384	99
J. G. Carleton, truck	369	99
G. O. Carleton, truck	294	99
George Blood, labor	82	33
Arvid Erlando, labor	78	98
J. H. Blood, labor	,8	99
Walter Blanchard, labor	76	32
George Long, labor	57	65
M. Patterson, labor	55	66
Ernest Scott, labor .	3	00

Add to a file	
Albert Lamson, labor	19 33
Oliver Carleton, labor	12 70
Harry Atwood, labor	9 00
Charles D. Brown, gravel	113 40
Cement.	3 00
String	I 20
Kerosene	80
Freight on grate	50
	\$

\$1778 05

Snow Bills

Paid by Selectmen, 1	Feb.	&	Mar.	1922	:
A. M. Hazen				62	17
A. G. Erlando				. 14	
H. V. Parsons				5	00
W. P. Jenkins				I	50
J. E. Corliss				4	35
L. A. Trow				16	35
Holden Crossley				IO	00
Batchelder Farms				41	06
W. Peterson				10	OI
H. C. Atwood				9	00
J. R. Horne				I	65
Alex Milne				3	33
Ralph Gray				3	85
L. C. Putnam				3	17
Wesley Nichols				15	12
J. H. Blood				17	84
C. H. Raymond				IO	67
For Dec. 1922 and	Jan.	19	23:		
H. C. Atwood				42	50
W. Peterson				12	05
E. Peterson				4	62
G. O. Carleton				27	66
D. C. Alexander	,			. 9	30
L. C. Putnam				27	17
W. P. Jenkins				3	00

John Endrejat	6 00
J. R. Horne	4 17
A. M. Hazen	83 44
Olaf Brusquini	10 33
A. J. Emery	38 33
George Emery	18 00
A. G. Erlando	35 66
W. Blanchard	19 34
G. Blanchard	I 34
George Blood	4 34
R. Morgan	47 75
. Hicks & Mason	20 68
J. H. Blood	44 44
R. G. Averill	4 67
M. E. Wallace	29 25
May Trevitt	2 65
Ralph Gray	42 31
Edwards & Son	6 16
W. O. Lamson	46 oi
F. H. Lamson	2 67
J. G. Carleton	38 00
O. W. Carleton	19 00
C. H. Raymond	25 67
Leon Draper	3 00
L. A. Trow	41 17
W. F. Richardson	1 05
J. H. Blood, sidewalks	17 50

\$968 80

Abatement of Taxes:

George E. Crawley	5	00
S. E. Curtis	5	00
Mrs. Joe Saulmer	5	00
S. Trow	5	00
Francis Wicker	5	00
E. V. Wicker	5	00
Harold West	5	00
Carl Magunsen	5	00

Harry Parker M. J. Nutting N. A. Nutting	5 5	00		
L. J. Nutting	5		1	
R. Kenney	5	00		
W. B. Kenney	. 5	00		
E. G. Davis	5	00		
Mrs. L. M. Davis	5	00		
George H. Butterick	4	42		
e			\$84	42
Miscellaneous:				
A. L. Keyes, bond	3	00		
Stone post on town line	3	75		
N. H. Tax Association, fees	2	00		
Taxes bought by town	140	31		
			\$149	06
Total Payments for all Purposes			\$22,138	52
Cash on hand Jan 31, 1923			\$1,434	53
GRAND TOTAL			\$23,573	05

Report of Town Treasurer

A. P. TEMPLE, Town Treasurer,
In Account with the Town of Mont Vernon.

Dr.				
Cash on hand, Feb. 1, 1922	\$3296	62		
Received from:				
George W. Coggin, uncollected				
taxes of 1921	1122	33		
Interest collected, 1921	49	86		
Taxes collected 1922	13,494	22		
Interest collected 1922	2	42		
Abatements 1922	84	42		
Automobile taxes	691	65		
Taxes redeemed	47	52		
Bounty on hedgehogs	4	60		
Lot sold in cemetery	10	00		
Dog licenses	86	_		
Forest fire account	136	_		
Rent of town hall	94	00		
Primary candidates	4	00		
Histories sold	IO	00		
Loan from bank	2000	00		
Pedler's license	2	00		
Highway department	1983	54		
Railroad tax	72	ΙI		
Savings bank tax	380	68		
			\$23,573	05
Cr.				
By paying selectmen's orders	21,685	73		
By paying railroad tax	72	ΙI		
By paying savings bank tax	380	68		
By cash on hand in bank	1434	53		
			\$23,573	05

ASSETS

Uncollected taxes, 1922 Cash on hand ARTHUR P. TEMPLE
Town Treasurer.

Report of Tax Collector

Dr. Taxes assessed for 1922 Interest due	15,193	42	\$15,196 16
Cr.			
Taxes collected for 1922	13,494		
Interest collected	2		
Abatements	84		
Taxes due	1615		
			\$15,196 16
1922 Poll Taxes, 204 at \$5; 7	at \$3:		
Collected 160 \$5 poll taxes			\$800,00
Collecter 6 \$3 poll taxes			\$18 00
Abated: 16 \$5 poll taxes			\$80 00
Dr.			
Taxes due from 1921	1122	33	
Interest due	49	00	
			\$1172-19
			+ /)
Cr.			
Taxes collected for 1921	1122		
Interest collected	49	86	
Poll taxes of 1921 collected:	-		— \$1172 19
18 poll taxes at \$5	90	00	
I poll tax at \$3		00	
			- \$93 00
			. , , 0

GEORGE W. COGGIN

Tax Collector.

Report of Trustees of Trust Funds

Receipts for year 1922:		
Town of Milford, serial notes	\$40 00	
Interest on government bonds	10 62	
Received from Mrs. Chas. J. Smit	h 50 00	
		\$100 62
Paid Alonzo Winn for care each	ı lot:	
A	mt. Paid.	Bal. Due
Harriet Dean	5 00	48 63
Odell lot	5 00	29 42
Colby lot	5 00	12 05
Misses Kendall lot	4 00	6 23
Batchelder lot	4 00	6 23
Holcombe lot	4 00	5 73
Baker lot	4 00	05
Coburn lot	2 00	
Perkins lot	2 00	
Kittredge lot	2 00	
Care of lots exceeding income:		
Stephen Coburn lot	1 85	
John T. Perkins lot	I 35	
Harriet Kittredge lot	95	
		\$4 15

Amount of Funds in Hands of Trustees

Harriett Dean	300 00
Luther Odell	200 00
John Colby	200 00
Misses Kendall	100 00
Reuben Batchelder	100 00
Sarah Holcombe	100 00
Mary E. Baker	100 00
Stephen Coburn	50 00
John Perkins	50 00

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250 00	
50 00	
	\$1300 00
me not	
	\$116 98
	\$1000 00 250 00 50 00

W. H. KENDALL GEORGE C. HADLEY ARTHUR F. STEARNS Trustees of Trust Funds.

Report of Overseer of Poor

Dr.

Received from the County

\$75 50

Cr

Paid Temple & Blood, goods delivered to Jarvis Smith 70 75
Paid Temple & Blood, carrying Jarvis
Smith to the Farm 5 00

\$75 75

GEORGE C. HADLEY

Mont Vernon, N. H., Jan. 31, 1923. Overseer of Poor.

Daland Memorial Library

REPORT OF LIBRARIAN

In making her report for the past year the librarian is tempted to begin with the familiar refrain, "Day by day, in every way, our library is growing better and better", for we have surely had a very satisfactory and prosperous year. At the town meeting of March 1922, the town added fifty dollars to the usual appropriation for the library, and this was expended for the books for boys, so much needed. Mrs. James Abbott, of Lowell, very kindly sent a generous donation of books for girls, among them a complete set of the ever popular "Little Colonel" series, which replaced the old ones, which were worn out from cover to cover. At present the children's shelves are pretty well filled with books in fairly good condition.

During the summer the library was constantly patronized by the summer guests, who enjoyed the quiet of the attractive reading room, and who also took out many books, as the returns from fees for this year amounted to over sixteen dollars, no fines being included in this amount.

As an evidence of her interest in the library, Dr. Annie Hunt of Providence, one of the guests at Mount Vernon Lodge, very generously sent the library a box of books, over fifty in number, many of them nature books, which were very much needed, and all the rest were fresh, interesting works, some of them being the latest publications. Dr. Hunt also gave five dollars to the library, asking that it be spent for some of John Masefield's works and his complete poems and plays are now on the library shelves. Other friends have as usual remembered the needs of the library, Mr. Wellington, Mr. Hubbard, Mrs. Boutwell, Mrs. Auryansen, Miss

Mary Bancroft, Mr. Bancroft and many others showing their kindly interest with many volumes.

On the reading table may be found Harpers, The Century, Ladies' Home Journal, World's Work, Asia, St. Nicholas and The Outlook for magazines, The Milford Cabinet and Dearborn Independent for weeklies, and The Monitor for a daily newspaper. Odd numbers of magazines and papers are passed along to any who care for them.

The number of books distributed for the year ending January 31, 1923 was 3842, a very good showing for a small village. Last year Mont Vernon library stood fifth in distribution of books in town libraries of five hundred inhabitants. The unusual number of stormy days during the past season, in which the library was not opened has reduced the figures for this year somewhat, the output being 679 less than last year. The number of books added to the shelves is about 130, the number taken from the shelves, too dilapidated for further use, nearly 100. These were given away to any who would take them away, and many living outside the village were glad to avail themselves of the opportunity, so the discarded ones were not wasted.

With sincere thanks to the many friends who have so kindly helped in the work our library is striving to do, and hoping for even more interest from all in the future years, this report is respectfully submitted

GEORGANNA W. FLINT.

Librarian.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF TOWN LIBRARY

For the Year Ending Feb. 1, 1923.

Dr. To cash in treasury Feb. '22 Total for fines on books	\$21 20 16 89		
Town appropriation	250 00	\$283 09	
Cr.			
Cash for books	50 34		
Cash for periodicals	18 00		
Librarian's services	100 00		
Insurance	8 25		
Supplies	85		
Wood and kindling	44 00		
Balance on hand	66 65		
		\$288 09	
J. M. GLEASON,			
	,	Treasurer.	

Report of Auditors

We have this day examined the reports of selectmen, town treasurer, tax collector, treasurer of town library and cemetery trustees and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

NATHANIEL F. HOOPER, GEORGE F. AVERILL,

Auditors.

Mont Vernon School District

SCHOOL OFFICERS

School Board	Term expires
Arthur F. Stearns, Chairman	1923
Fanny C. Averill, Secretary	1924
Emily C. A. Starrett	1925

Harold C. Bales, Milford	Superintendent of Schools
Mrs. Annie Smith Perham	Treasurer
Arthur F. Stearns	Moderator
George D. Kittredge	Clerk
Harry G. Blood	Truant Officer
Oscar Burns, M. D.	School Physician
Adaline Chase, A. B., R. N.	School Nurse

SCHOOL CALENDAR

September 5, 1922 to December 21, 1922 January 2, 1923 to February 9, 1923 February 27, 1923 to April 13, 1923 April 24, 1923 to June 15, 1923

TENTATIVE CALENDAR FOR 1923-1924

September 5, 1923 to November 28, 1923 December 4, 1923 to December 20, 1923 January 2, 1924 to February 21, 1924 March 4, 1924 to April 18, 1924 April 29, 1924 to June 13, 1924

Warrant for School Meeting

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Mont Vernon, qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said district on the 13th day of March 1923, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon to act upon the following subjects:

- I. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.
- 2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
- 3. To choose a member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
- 4. To choose a Treasurer for the year beginning July 1, 1923.
- 5. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or Officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
- 6. To choose Agents, Auditors and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.
- 7. To see how much money the District will raise and appropriate for the support of schools and payment of other obligations as set forth in the budget of the School Board in their annual report.
- 8. To see how much money the District will raise and appropriate for school purposes for the remainder of the current fiscal year ending June 30, 1923.
- 9. To see how much money the District will raise and appropriate for special repairs, alterations and new equipment.
- 10. To see how much money the District will raise and appropriate for insurance on school property.

- 11. To see if the District will adopt the provisions of Chapter 83 of the Laws of 1913 providing for the medical inspection of schools.
- 12. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands at said Mont Vernon this 22nd day of February, 1923.

ARTHUR F. STEARNS, FANNY C. AVERILL, EMILY C. A. STARRETT, School Board of Mont Vernon.

REPORT OF SCHOOL BOARD

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR July 1, 1921 to June 30, 1922

Total receipts Total payments		\$5072 51 5023 67
Balance on hand	June 30, 1922	\$48 84
Note: Tuition bill of for 1921-1922.	\$55 due Amherst Sc	chool District

RECEIPTS

From State:

Equalization (state aid)

\$1162 19

From the Selectmen Raised by Taxation:

\$5 tax on equalized valuati	on of school		
district for support of	elementary		
schools	\$2885	86	
For high school tuition	330	00	
For salaries of district of	ficers 70	00	
For Supt.'s salary acct.	69	45	
For other expenses of adn	ninistration 40	55	
For per capita tax	124	00	
Amount due from 1920-21	acot. 278	38	. 4
			\$3798 24

From Sources Other Than Taxation:

Dog licenses 1921 (from selectmen	\$66 25
Total receipts from all sources Cash on hand July 1, 1921	\$5026 68 45 83
GRAND TOTAL	\$5072 51

PAYMENTS, JULY 1, 1921 to JUNE 30, 1922

(Classifications and numbering conform to State accounting system)

Administration:

	i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i			
1	Salaries of district officers \$6	0	00	
2	Superintendent's salary account 6	9	45	
3	Truant officer and school census I	0	92	
4	Other expenses of administration 4	8.	IO.	
				\$188 47
	Yourteen at the second			
	Instruction:			
5	Teachers' salaries . 217	8	00	
6	Text books . 4	4	84	
7	Scholars' supplies 9	Ю	95	
8	Flags and appurtenances	2	80	,
9	Other expenses of instruction 2	1	35	
				\$2347 22
	Operation and Waintenance of Sah	^ ^	1 D	lants
	Operation and Maintenance of Sch	OU	1 P	iant:
10	Janitor services . 13	5	00	
11	Fuel	5	56	
12	Water, light and janitors' supplies	3	39	
13	Minor repairs and expenses 9	Ι	03	
				\$334 98
	Auxiliary Agencies and Special A	ct	ivit	ies:
т 4	Medical inspection 4	0	00	
	Transportation of pupils (elem.) 156			
	High school and academy tuition 33			
	Elementary school tuition 2			
1/	Talementary School tuition 2	/		\$1969 00
				φ1909 00

Fixed Charges:

none

19	Insurance	(expires	Dec.	20,	1923)	none
20	Other fixe	d charge	S			none

18 Other special activities

Outlay for Construction and Equipment:

21 Land and new buildings	none	
22 Alteration of old buildings		\$60 00
23 New equipment	none	
24 Payment of principal of debt	none	

Debt, Interest and Other Charges	*:-
25 Payment of interest on debt non-	
26 Tax for state-wide supervision	\$124 00
Total Payments for All Purposes	\$5023 67

PAYMENTS IN DETAIL

1. Salaries of District Officers:			
Fannie C. Averill, school board \$16.67			
Arthur F. Stearns, school board 16 66			
Emily C. A. Starrett, school board 16 67	(
Jay M. Gleason, treasurer 10 00			
	\$60 00		
Comment of the South Colors Assessed			
2. Superintendent's Salary Account:			
A. B. Rotch, joint treas, acc't H. C. Bales	\$69 45		
Truant Officer and School Census:			
Harry G. Blood, truant officer and			
Enumerator 10 00			
R. E. Lane, enumeration cards 92			
	\$10 92		
Expenses of Administration			
H. C. Bales, postage, expenses, etc. 9 15			
J. M. Gleason, postage I 10 J. L. Hammett Co., office supplies I 02			
Milford Cabinet, printing record sheets 3 50			
A. B. Rotch, acc't Supt's clerk 33 33			
55 55	\$48 10		
5. Teachers' Salaries:			
Helen K. Perry, I. II, III, IV 900 00			
Grace P. Hadley, V, VI, VII, VII 900 00			
Charlotte A. Boutelle, East, 27 weeks 378 00			
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	\$2178 00		
6. Text Books			
American Book Co. 7 44			
Ginn & Co 6 14			

D. C. Heath & Co.	9 94			
Hinds, Hayden & Eldredge	. 199			
Lyons & Carnahan	1 98			
Macmillan Company	I 20			
Rand McNally & Co.	4 55			
Silver Burdett & Co.	12 60			
•		\$44 84		
7. Scholars' Supplie	es:			
Edward E. Babb & Co	91			
J. L. Hammett Co.	85 83			
W. H. Kendall, trucking	2 75			
Arthur F. Stearns, freight paid	I 46			
		\$90 95		
8. Flags and Appurter	nances			
W. F. French	5 00			
Edward E. Babb & Co.	7 08			
•		\$12 08		
9. Other Expenses of Ins	truction:			
Edward E. Babb & Co., plan book	s 2 61			
Harold C Bales, government maps	50			
Milford Cabinet, printing cards	4 62			
Ryan & Buker, Hillsboro County m				
Knox Music Store, tuning & repair	-			
ing piano	6 00			
World Book Co., Courtis tests	6 42			
		\$21 35		
10. Janitor Service				
Lura Pike	108 00			
Mrs. George Tabbut	27 00			
		\$135 00		
II. Fuel				
George W Pike	73 50			
George R. Tabbut	32 06			
· .		\$105 56		

12. Water, Light and Janitors' Supplies:			
Temple & Blood	ı 89		
Henry C. Doughty, oil	1 50		
		\$3 39	
13. Minor Repairs and Ex	rpenses:		
George B. Blanchard, labor	I 50		
Emerson & Son, chairs	16 00		
W F. French, paint	14 80		
D. P. Hadley, labor	3 00		
Lura Pike, cleaning	7 75		
George R. Tabbut, labor	4 35		
Temple & Blood, supplies	I 63		
U. V. Whicker, labor	42 00		
-	4- 00	, \$91 03	
		, 491 03	
14. Medical Inspection	on:		
Oscar Burns, M. D., fall 1921; spring	g 1922	\$40 00	
15. Transportation of P	upils:		
Hadley V. Parsons, to Lyndeboro	72 00		
Alma Peterson, to village	288 00		
Ida Erlando, to village	271 00		
J. G. Richardson, to village	369 00		
Walter Wilson, to village	568 00		
-		\$1568 00	
16. High School and Academy Tuition:			
M. G. Jewett, treasurer Milford			
School District	279 00		
F. W. Brown, treasurer Amherst	,,		
School District	55 00		
		\$334 00	
17. Elementary School Tuition:			
Lyndeboro School District, account			
Grace Parsons at Johnson Corner			
school		\$27.00	
School		\$27 00	

22. Alterations of Old Buildings:

A D. McKay, plastering etc 36 00 U. V. Whicker, painting 24 00

\$60 00

26. Tax for State-wide Supervision:

John W. Plummer, state treasurer, (\$2 per pupil registered)

\$124 00

TOTAL

\$5023 67

We have this day examined the above report and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

NATHANIEL F. HOOPER GEORGE F. AVERILL

Auditors.

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS FOR CURRENT FISCAL YEAR, JULY 1, 1922 to JUNE 30, 1923

From State:				
Equalization (state aid)				
From Selectmen, account taxe	es:			
\$5 tax on equalized valuation	\$2846 8	36		
For salaries of school board	50 0	00		
For salary of truant officer	. 10 0	00		
For salary of treasurer	10 (00		
For high school tuition	550 0	00		
For \$2 tax	122 (00		
For Supt.'s salary, clerk and expe-	nses			
of administration	146 6	56		
For special repairs	50 (00		
· .			\$3785	52
From Other Sources:				
Dog licenses 1922			65	00
Contribution for music instruction	n		64	
Cash on hand July 1, 1922			48	84
TOTAL			\$5125	55

BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR

July 1, 1923 to June 30, 1924 (as required by Laws of 1919, 106:4)

A. Amount required for support of elementary schools

Teachers' salaries	1800	00	
Text books	75	00	
Scholars' supplies	50	00	
Flags and appurtenances	5	00	
Other expenses of instruction	20	00	
Janitor service	108	00	
Fuel	IIO	00	
Water, light and janitors' supp	lies 10	00	
Minor repairs and expenses	50	00	
Medical inspection	50	00	
Transportation of pupils	2100	00	
Elementary school tuition	540	00	
			\$4918 00
Deduct State Aid for 1923-24	(est.)		1918 00
Amount to be raised by taxati	on for man	_ 	
Amount to be faised by taxati	on for Subb	UIL	

of elementary schools (\$5 tax per \$1000 equalized valuation \$3000 00

B. Amounts required for payment of statutory obligations:

Salaries of School Board	50	00	
Salaries of Truant officer	IO	00	
Salary of Treasurer	20	00	
\$2 per capita tax	114	00	
High school tuition (est.)	550	00	
			\$744 00

C. Amount required for superintendent's salary and expenses of administration: \$160 00

SUMMARY

A. Amount to be raised and appropriated	
for support of elementary schools	\$3000 00
B. Amount to be raised and appropriated	
for payment of statutory obligations	744 00
C. Amount to be raised and appropriated	
for Supt.'s salary and expenses of ad-	
ministration	160 00

TOTAL AMOUNT TO BE RAISED AND APPROPRIATED FOR FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 1923 to JUNE 30, 1924

\$3904 00

ARTHUR F. STEARNS, FANNY C. AVERILL, EMILY C. A. STARRETT, School Board.

February 22, 1923.

REPORT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER

RECEIPTS				
Bal. in treas. 1921	\$ 45	83		
Received from appropriation	3864			
Received from state	1162	19		ı
			\$5072	51
PAYMENTS				
Aug. 1921	224	58		
Sept. 1921	579	35		
Oct. 1921	425	82		
Nov. 1921	462	89		
Dec. 1921	524	86		
Jan. 1922	622	12		
Feb. 1922	318	52		
Mar. 1922	518	71		
Apr. 1922	336	02		
May 1922	447	49		
June 1922	563	31		
-			\$5023	67
Balance in treasury 1922			48	84
			\$5072	51
	J. M. G	LEA	ASON,	

We have this day examined the above report and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

NATHANIEL, F. HOOPER, GEORGE F. AVERILL,

Auditors.

Treasurer.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF CLERK OF 1922 SCHOOL MEETING

District Revenue, 1922:		
To Meet Statutory Requirements:		
\$2 per capital tax for supervision	\$122	00
Tuition in high schools and academies	550	00
Salaries of distrct officers	70	00
Support of schools (\$5 per \$1000)		
of equalized valuation)	2846	86
Appropriations		
For superintendent's salary and expenses		
of administration	146	66
Improvements in school buildings and		
repair to outlying schoolhouses	50	00

Total amt. of money to be raised by taxation \$3785 52

I certify that the above is a correct statement of the appropriations made and the obligations authorized at the Annual meeting of the Mont Vernon School District held March 14, 1922.

GEORGE D. KITTREDGE,
Clerk of the School District.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Board of Mont Vernon:

I herewith submit my fourth annual report, which is also the sixth in the series of such reports.

Organization of Supervisory Union No. 40

The grouping of school districts of last year has been continued and apportionment of joint expenses determined by the four school boards of the Union as follows: Amherst one-fourth; Brookline one sixth; Milford, one-half; Mont Vernon, one-twelfth.

Teachers

The enrollment at the East school was reduced to two pupils in the spring fo 1922 and accordingly this school was closed on April 7, and the pupils transported to the village. The teacher, Miss Charlotte Boutelle, secured a position at once in a school in another part of the state. At the village school, Mrs. Helen K. Perry declined her re-election in June, 1922, after two years of service. Her place has been filled by the appointment of Miss Mary A. Wheeler of New Ipswich, a teacher having four years of experience and some normal training. Mrs. Hadley is serving her second year in the upper grades.

Enrollment

Enrollment seems to fluctuate greatly in Mont Vernon. Although there were forty-eight different pupils registered last year, the number at any one time was never as great. In June, 1922, two pupils finished the eighth grade. One, Lillian Cameron, entered Milford High School, joining the five already there—Mildred Coggin, Ella Fox, Lloyd Johnson, Everett Trow and Gladys Temple. The following table shows conditions as of January 31, 1923. The age-grade data is based upon ages as computed September, 1922.

Enrollment, January 31, 1923

Grade	I	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
Girls	2	0	I	2	2	2	3	3	15
Boys	2	I	5	2	3	3	4	I	21
Total	4	I	6	4	5	5	7	4	36
Transported	3	О	4	3	4	4	4	3	25
Age									
6-7	4								4
7-8		I	I	I					3
8-9			4	I					5
9-10			Ι	I	I	I			4
IO-II					4	I			5
II-I2				I		2	2		5
12-13							2	2	4
13-14						I	2	2	5
14-15							I		I
15-16									О
Total									36

In addition to the number shown in the table there are five children in two families who live in the west part of the town on the very edge of Lyndeborough. Some difficulty was encountered to provide schooling for these children. Transportation to the village was out of the question owing to unbroken roads in the winter. The problem has been solved by arranging with Lyndeborough to maintain jointly the Johnson Corner school in Lyndeborough. Mont Vernon sends five pupils out of seven enrolled and pays five-sevenths of the teacher's salary. Lyndeborough provides everything else such as books, supplies, fuel, etc.

Instruction

A study of the table above shows that although there are many children transported, the total enrollment is too small to make any other arrangement as satisfactory as the central two room school, whereby grades can be grouped and competition and interest secured.

No teacher is equally well adapted for every grade. The separation of lower and upper grades enables us to secure teachers with special adaptation, training, or experience for the work in hand.

Our present teachers have previously taught the grades they now have and are well fitted to maintain the standards of scholarship set up for each grade. Thoroughness and drill in the fundamentals day by day with emphasis on teaching the pupils how to study is our aim. Teachers who are skillful in planning the day's work can meet the standards and also find time for some of the intellectual recreations.

Penmanship has been a hard thing for many to master. It became evident last year that more attention should be given to it and so, early last fall, Mr. Harry Houston, Supervisor of Penmanship in New Haven. Conn., was engaged to address the teachers in this Union. Mr. Houston was enthusiastic about his subject and led us to see that the three main objectives in teaching penmanship in the public schools—legibility, ease of movement, and a reasonable degree of speed can be attained only when all writing done by pupils becomes practice in penmanship. Too many times pupils lapse into slovenly penmanship when doing arithmetic or note book work or any writing that is not the penmanship lesson itself. This is the chief cause of poor penmanship. A teacher who notices and corrects these lapses just as she would notice and stop gum chewing in school will get results in penmanship.

English is another subject in which Mont Vernon pupils have been backward—perhaps this has been the weakest spot of all. Free, easy and correct oral expression is the particular stumbling block. For the last three years, unremitting effort has been made by the Superintendent to get the pupils, especially in the

upper grades, to stand on their feet and talk in complete sentences which express the pupil's real thought. This year results are beginning to show clearly, as has been noticed and remarked upon by some of our visitors.

Music continues this year as a regular study in the program. Mrs. Averill gives one lesson a week in each room and outlines the work for the teachers to do the other days of the week. Funds for this work are available from the Deland legacy income.

Textbooks

Textbooks have returned to a normal price after a series of high prices during the war. Quality of paper and binding also is much improved. Accordingly, many new books have been purchased this year to replace and supplement those on hand. Revised geographies, in particular, have been provided. These contain the latest information as determined by the world war and 1920 census, and are so graded that the method of treatment for the upper grades is not a mere repetition of the lower grade work. The text is a two-book series. Book I is for Grades V and VI; Book II for VII and VIII. An inxpensive map of New Europe has been purchased to be used with the geographies.

For arithmetic, Hamilton's Essentials have been purchased for Grades VII and VIII. These are of the same series purchased a year ago for Grades V and VI and replace a set of books in quite poor condition.

New grammars have been bought for upper grades and conform to those used at Milford for the reason that many from our eighth grade attend Milford High School. Language and grammar books used by lower grades, although old, are still serviceable. In reading material and literature much additional material was bought for the first four grades, chiefly in the form of sets of readers, the object being to have the children read a larger quantity of easy material and thus ac-

quire, if possible, a love for reading. The upper grades lack suitable English literature and they should be provided with such as soon as possible. There are on the market at a very reasonable price, school libraries of twenty-five different books for each grade or a combination set for mixed grades. These would fit our needs very nicely and could be used as a regular school library, the pupils being allowed to take books home as they do from the public town library.

Work in history is at present arranged as follows. Grade IV takes up American History Stories with the work centered about heroes of our own history. Grade V has the same sort of treatment of heroes of ancient times. Grade VI begins a more connected story using the material of English history. Grades VII and VIII spend two years in intensive study of our country from earliest, times with some special emphasis on New Hampshire.

The work of the sixth grade might be improved if instead of taking English history alone, American beginnings in all the European countries which have a bearing upon the early history of our country were considered. It is recommended, therefore, that the work for next year for this grade be changed. Suitable textbooks are on th market. Our present English history books could well be used in a supplementary way.

Attendance

The year 1921-1922 shows a drop in per cent of attendance from 92 to 90. This figure is a reasonably good one however and holds the record much higher than in some years past. The average for the entire state was 93 per cent. Tardiness was decreased from 314 to 124 or from an average of eight per pupil to less than three per pupil. This is a very decided improvement and shows a different spirit on the part of those concerned with much credit due to drivers of transportation routes.

ATTENDANCE TABLE FOR SUPERVISORY SCHOOL UNION

MILFORD (Average Per Cent of Attendance 95.25) School & Grades Teacher's Name C D \mathbf{F} \mathbf{A} В E 1 High VIII 38 11 97.62 Miss Brien L 2 High VIII 38 9 7 97.48 Mrs. Powers C 15 3 White IV-V 43 97.10 Miss Merrill 6 7 1 L 4 White V 96.97 Mrs. Trumbull 49 5 10 13 C 5 High VII 47 12 8 96.96 Miss Tobie 16 C 6 Laurel I-II-III 23 29 0 96.88 Miss Young 3 7 High School 174 203 23 96.81 Mr. Hills 3 8 White VI 96.80 Mrs. Dickinson 43 14 7 21/2 C 9 Pine Valley I-VI . 1 35 8 2 95.70 Miss Clarkin C 47 10 White IV 16 . 6 95.63 Mrs. Hagar 3 2-3 C 11 Brick II 40 42 2 95.28 Mss Kieley 12 C 12 High VI & VII 44 39 46 2 94.71 Miss Mack 3 L 1 94.54 Mrs. Jennison 17 13 North I-VI 1 L 14 Brick I 35 43 3 94.24 Miss R. Smith P 38 28 2 94.01 Miss Barker 4 15 Brick 11 16 Brick III 67 66 3 93.82 Miss Sutherland 3 C 17 Brick I 50 56 2 93.43 Miss Pettee 17 C 92.68 Miss Lancey 18 Osgood I-VI 43 11 1 4 L 40 1 19 Federal Hill I-VI 10 89.25 Mrs. Marsh 16 C BROOKLINE (Average Per Cent of Attendance 95.02) C D Teacher's Name \mathbf{F} School & Grades A В \mathbf{E} 18 3 96.48 Miss Parsons 1 Intermediate 3-4-5 33 4 L 2 Grammar 6-7-8 39 22 95.55 Miss Hastings 2 L 93.05 Miss Corliss 3 Primary 1-2 30 2 2 L AMHERST (Average Per Cent of Attendance 93.75) A \mathbf{F} School & Grades В -Æ D Teacher's Name E 93 96.23 Miss Slack 1 1 Border St. I-VI 21 L 2 Village VII-VIII 30 9 2 95.58 Miss Piper C 1 94.82 Miss M. Towne 2 3 Ponemah I-VI 12 20 Miss C. Towne 4 CricketCorner I-VII 15 0 94.75 57 T 22 27 0 93.63 Mr. Buker 1 L 5 High School Miss Kingsley L 15 58 0 . 92.97 Miss Carr P 6 Greelev I-VI 7 Village IV-V-VI Miss Jenkins 92.25 L 20 56 1 1 36 Miss Dearth 8 Village I-II-III 61 1 89.77 L MONT VERNON (Average Per Cent of Attendance 91.49) School & Grades A B - C D Teacher's Name \mathbf{F} 20 91.61 Mrs. Perry 2 L 1 Primary I-IV 24 0 91.37 Mrs. Hadley 2 Grammar V-VIII -22 33 0 1 C Closed in April, 1922 A—Number of pupils enrolled. D—Per Cent of Attendance. B—Number of tardinesses. E—Years of service in district.

C-Number of pupils not absent nor F-Credentials: "C" Certificate;

tardy.

License: "P" Permit.

Health and Recreation

A good start has been made in the way of providing playground apparatus by the setting up of an outdoor basketball court. This has been thoroughly enjoyed by the pupils and has been a great help in providing profitable recreation, especially during the noon hour. The money to pay for this material has been advanced by a citizen of the town. It would be quite proper that the School District reimburse this person and add swings and see-saws to the equipment. The formal physical exercises occur daily and have become a fixed part of our program.

Inspection of children by a physician is effective in discovering defects but the value of such discovery amounts to very little unless such defects are followed up and remedial measures used. The follow-up work is, of course, the proper function of a school nurse. Provision has now been made whereby Mont Vernon is able to secure definite services of the Red Cross nurse at Milford. There will be but one inspection each school year by a doctor, thus allowing more funds for the services of the nurse. The function of the nurse is to visit the school and the homes to explain to the children and parents what the defects are, how improvement can be made, and to assist parents in making arrangements to have things done, provided the parents wish to have action taken. The important thing to note is that there is no compulsion about remedial measures; the responsibility rests wholly on the parents. course, it is hoped that the nurse may induce and help parents to do those things which are best for the children.

Buildings and Equipment

Since a year ago, the West and South schools, both of which have been closed for several years, have suffered much from disuse and abuse, especially the latter. It is useless to repair the damages, but if the buildings continue to be held as school property, the roofs should be renewed when necessary and the buildings securely protected against vandalism. Undoubtedly the best policy is to sell the unused schoolhouses before further damage occurs. As it is now, a considerable expenditure of money would be required to fit the buildings for school use and even then modern improvements would be lacking.

At the village school interior repairs were made in the summer of 1921. This included repairs to plastering and painting. The village building is in good condition so far as major items are concerned. This last summer a new stove had to be purchased for one of the rooms. A few minor needs could easily be taken care of this year. Heating and ventilating of the rooms has been improved already but a few inexpensive changes would complete the plan. These should be made without delay. The coat room should be fitted up with new and better hooks.

Grounds about the building are sufficient for considerable playground apparatus. A good start has been made in this direction as indicated elsewhere in this report. Boys and girls ought to have constructive things to do in their play time; otherwise their energies will turn in another direction. It is a good investment educationally to provide swings, see-saws and such playground devices. The cost is not large while the returns both in enjoyment for the children and better citizenship are great.

For the school rooms themselves up-to-date reference books and devices for visual education, such as stereographs, would be of great assistance to teachers and become an interesting and instructive part of the equipment for the pupils.

Transportation

The widely scattered school population makes it important to lay out transportation routes with care to

avoid over-lapping or doubling of distances. The law still states that pupils living more than two miles from the school to which assigned shall be transported. Four conveyances bring children into the village school and one is required to carry a small girl to the Johnson Corner school in Lyndeborough. While the total cost seems large, two things should be consiedered—the cost per pupil per mile and the quality of service rendered. A saving of a few dollars might result in such poor service that tardiness and absence and even sickness would materially lower the efficiency of school work.

Seasonal conditions cannot be planned for and sometimes interfere seriously with transportation. It can be reported, however, that transporters have made every effort to cover the routes each day and conditions of road and weather have to be quite bad to prevent their going.

Costs

Attention should be called again to the basis of state alid. This is equalized valuation. Under the law a school district must vote a \$5 tax per thousand dollars of equalized valuation for support of elementary schools to be eligible for state aid. This is exclusive of all overhead cost and high school expenses. Mont Vernon did not meet these requirements in 1919-20 and received no state aid. In 1920-21 the amount granted was \$1366.37 but that year the basis of the \$5 tax was the assessed valuation instead of the equalized valuation. The change from assessed to equalized valuation reduced the state aid for 1921-1922 and 1922-1923 to \$1162.19. Equalized valuation is the inventory valuation plus savings bank deposits, exemptions, and railroad-stock and property owned in town. The tax commission issue their equalized valuation tables every two years. Their figures for the coming biennial will probably raise equalized valuation of Mont Vernon about \$30,000. This means in round numbers that the \$5 tax necessary to be raised to be eligible for state aid for 1923-1924 will be about \$150 more, other factors being equal. Accordingly, it would be well to consider the budget for the coming year with this in mind. It is also worth while to note that during the last few years less than 30 per cent of the money raised by local taxes has been required for schools.

In Mont Vernon a dollar of school money was spent in 1921-1922 as follows: Salaries of district officers, 1.18c; superintendents' excess salary, 1.36c; Truant officer and school census, .22c; expenses of administration, .94c; teachers' salaries, \$.43; textbooks, .88c; Scholars' supplies, 1.78c; Flags and appurtenances, .23c; other expenses of instruction, .42c; janitor service, 2.65c; fuel, 2.06c; water, light and janitors' supplies, .06c; minor repairs and expenses, 1.79c; medical inspection, .79c; transportation, 31.89c; high school tuition, 6.06c; elementary school tuition, .53c; alterations of old buildings, 1.18c; \$2 tax, 2.44c.

For the entire State for 1921-1922, figures are as follows: Teachers' salaries 53.3c; text books, scholars' supplies and tuition, 6.7c; supervision, .4c; transportation, 5.3c; mothers' aid, medical inspection and special activities, 1.9c; local administration, 1.8c; debt, interest and insurance 5.9c; lands, buildings and equipment, 8.3c; state administration, .9c; janitors' salaries, 4.4c; fuel, water and janitors' supplies, 5.5c; teacher training, .2c.

For the State as a whole the expenditure for transportation has increased more rapidly than any other item and is three times what it was eight years ago. Notice also that the State as a whole pays more for janitors than for superintendents, .4c against 4c.

A few figures from the biennial report of the State Board of Education might be of interest. For the year ending June, 1922, the average salary paid to teachers in elementary schools was \$915.38 (in Amherst this av-

erage was \$684); of 2634 such teachers employed, 1264 were normal graduates. There are 256 different school districts in the state; 704 one-room schools; 71,692 pupils enrolled; total pupils in one-room schools, 12,427; not absent nor tardy during year, 4499; average length of teaching period of teacher, six years. The total expenditure for public education in New Hampshire including elementary, secondary, normal schools, mother's aid, was \$5,360,788.68. In the amount of money raised by state tax for school educational purposes, eight states only raised less than N. H.

Conclusion

Success in educational work and the progress of our public schools and the success of individual pupils depends directly on how well all concerned stand behind the teachers and other officers. Never has the need for strong public minded leadership and instruction been greater and never has the opportunity for service been larger. We must not fail to turn out sterling American Citizens.

Respectfully submitted, HAROLD C. BALES.

February 23, 1923.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

Amherst, N. H., February 19, 1923. To the School Board of Mont Vernon, N. H.:

I submit herewith my report of medical inspection of schools for the current year.

The following table shows the results of my inspection. The results of this examination as compared with the two previously made shows an improvement.

Since the last examination defective vision has been corrected in every instance.

It would seem that the sending of parent cards has not had the desired effect as can be seen by the number of cases of defective teeth and also the number of unvaccinated.

This examination without follow up work is in my mind a waste of money. With the funds now available and the consolidation of schools follow up work can be more easily accomplished and a greater improvement should be possible for the coming year.

Number of pupils examined	40
Number of teachers examined	2
Defective vision	I
Anemia	4
Nervous Disease	Ι
Defective Teeth	26
Hypertrophied Tonsils	7
Unvaccinated	7
Unvaccinated (without excuse)	6
Granular Lids	1

Respectfully submitted,
OSCAR BURNS, M. D.

GENERAL STATISTICS FOR 1921-1922

Number of schools maintained 2
Number of different pupils registered during year:
Boys, 28; girls, 20; total / 48
Average number of days schools were actually
in session (East) 125½
(others) 167
Average daily attendance 33.35
Number of weeks in school year (East 27) 36
Enrollment by grades: I-6; II-6; III-8; IV-6;
V-7; VI-8; VII-5; VIII-2 48
Per cent of attendance 90.48
Number of cases of tardiness 124
Number not absent nor tardy o
Average salary of teachers \$768
Number of visits by school board members 12
Number of visits by superintendent 65
Number of visits by citizens 93
RETURN OF SCHOOL CENSUS SEPT. 1922
Number of children 5 to 16 years: boys 30, girls 24, 54
Total number of children in local public schools 43
Number attending high or other schools 7
PERFECT ATTENDANCE
1921-1922
George Fox John Fox
Carl Johnson Edgar Johnson
Mildred Johnson Harold Stroncer
Dorothy Wilson Lewis Wilson
September 5, 1922 to January 31, 1923

Frank Hadley

Elizabeth Kittredge

Vital Statistics

In compliance with an act of the Legislature enacted June session 1887, requiring "clerks of towns and cities to furnish a transcript of the record of births, marriages and deaths to the municipal officers for publication in the annual reports," I submit the following.

HARRY G. BLOOD,

Town Clerk.

Births Registered in Town of Mont Vernon for the Year Ending December 31, 1922

Birthplace of Mother	Harbor Grace, Nfd. Little Bay, N'f'nd. London, Eng. Fitchburg., Mass. Chelsea, Mass. Sackville, N. S. Onparangus, Serd'd. Onparangus, Serd'd.
Birthplace of Father	Harbor Grace, Nfd. London, Eng. Fitchburg, Mass. Chelsea, Mass. Mont Vernon
Maiden Name of Mother	Mary Cleary Mary D. Cook Flora Kimball A. Lena Wethers Catherine S. Guild
Name of Father	ay 6, Boston, Ms. Asy King ar. 15, At Vernon Bobt Harby M. Persons Nary Cleary Harble George King ar. 15, At Vernon Bobt Harby M. Persons Norman C. Parsons A. Lena Wethers Chelsea, Mass. Aug. 4, Mt. Vernon Mary Holf Smith Harry A. Smith Catherine S. Gulid Mont Vernon
Name of Child (if any)	Halph Parsons Sary King Pob't Harold Han'k Evelyn M. Parsons Mary Holt Smith
Date and Place of Birth	an. 21, Mt Vernon ay 6, Boston, Ms. ar. 15, Mt Vernon ay 4, Mt Vernon Aug. 4, Mt. Vernon

Marriages Registered in the Town of Mont Vernon for the Year Ending December 31, 1922

Name, Residence and official station of person by whom married	H. P. Peck Clergyman Mt. Vernon
Birthplace of Parents	Canada E. Weymouth, Mass Hingham, Mass.
Name of Parents	29 Ismael Tougas Delema Bessett 29 George Batchelder Annie Poole
93A	29
Residence of each at time of marriage	
Name and Surname Residence of the New Of Groom and Bride marriage	Emila Eug. Tougas Laura G Batchelder
Date and Place of Marriage	May 29, Mt. Vernon Emila Eug. Tougas

Deaths Registered in the Town of Mont Vernon for the Year Ending December 31, 1922

Name of Mother	Mary Cleary Pennel Hecks Minna Klitghammer Laura Richardson Mary Stuart Encline Crosby Abigail Estmark Nancy Stevens Nancy Smith Sarah Smiley Ounda Odell Mary Nichols
Name of Father	Hadley V. Parsons Mary Cleary Paul Stucklen Minna Kingham Milburn Hicks Laura Richards John Elliott Mary Stuart Daniel S. Perkins Emeline Crosby Gustef Bousquini Abigail Estmark Thos. Cloutman Jr. Nancy Stevens Robert Tuten Cook William Parker William Parker William Parker William Parker William Parker Ook Wary Smith Ook Ook Mary Smith Ook Ook Wary Ook
of Birth Place of Birth of Mother	Newfoundland Sackville, N. B. Barkville, N. B. Antrim Sweden Hillsboro Deering Peterboro Antherit
Place of Birth of Father	1 2 1 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8
	252 258 888 70 44 71 111 775 777 772 772 773 773 773 773 773 774 775 775 775 775 775 775 775 775 775
Name and Surname of Deceased	Vernon Ralph Parsons Vernon Mary Ella Richardson Vernon Henry Wm. Stucklen Vernon Henry Wm. Stucklen Vernon John Elliott Vernon John Carl Bonsquini Mary E. Davis Richard Trevitt n Sarah T. Tutten Mary E. Dodge Rechon John Wartel And Trevitt And Mary E. Dodge Vernon Mary E. Dodge Vernon Mary E. Wilkins In Marcha Jones Vernon Marriett A. Lanson Chester Frances A. Wilkins
Date and Place of Death	Jan. 25, Mr. Vernon Feb. 10, Mr. Vernon Apr. 21, Mr. Vernon Apr. 29, Mr. Vernon June 23, Winchester Juny 21, Mr. Vernon Oct. 3. Boston Oct. 3. Boston Oct. 30, Lowell Oct. 30, Lowell Nov. 7, Mr. Vernon Nov. 27, Mr. Vernon Dec. 22, Manchester





